

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
AUGUSTA DIVISION

CHIINA LONON, )  
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Plaintiff,       )  
                    )  
v.                )  
                    ) CV 120-138  
EDWARD PHILBIN; JAMES SOLEN; and )  
AUGUSTA STATE MEDICAL PRISON,   )  
                    )  
Defendants.       )

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
DUBLIN DIVISION

CHIINA LONON,       )  
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Plaintiff,         )  
                    )  
v.                )  
                    ) CV 320-076  
J. VAUGH; JAMES SOLEN;       )  
CERT OFFICER SMTIH;         )  
CERT OFFICER SCOTT;        )  
CERT OFFICER BLUIT;        )  
CERT OFFICER DAVIS;        )  
LT. FNU NEAL; and WARDEN EDWARD  
PHILBIN,            )  
                    )  
Defendants.       )

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**O R D E R**

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On September 30, 2020, Plaintiff, an inmate at Telfair State Prison in Helena, Georgia submitted to the Court for filing a complaint brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 regarding

events alleged to have occurred at Augusta State Medical Prison in Grovetown, Georgia. Lonon v. Philbin, CV 120-138 (S.D. Ga. Sept. 30, 2020). On October 15, 2020, the Court granted Plaintiff's request to proceed in forma pauperis ("IFP") and because Plaintiff did not use the complaint form used by incarcerated litigants in the Southern District to initiate the case, the Court directed Plaintiff to submit an amended complaint, within thirty days, on the standard complaint provided to him, and include all matters he wishes the Court to consider in that one document. (Doc. no. 4.)

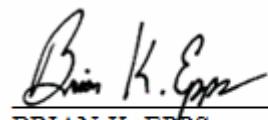
On November 10, 2020, Plaintiff submitted to the Court for filing another complaint brought pursuant to § 1983, and therefore, the Clerk opened a second case in Plaintiff's name. Lonon v. Vaugh, 3:20-CV-076 (S.D. Ga. Nov. 10, 2020). Upon review of the complaints, it appears Plaintiff has merely filed another complaint brought pursuant to § 1983 containing the same statement of facts and basis for relief. Indeed, Plaintiff continues to assert on September 8, 2019 excessive force was used against him when officers pepper sprayed Plaintiff and handcuffed him in violation of Standard Operating Procedure. Compare Lonon v. Philbin, CV 120-138, doc. no. 1, pp. 5-6 with Lonon v. Vaugh, 3:20-CV-076, doc. no. 1, pp. 2-5.

The only discernable difference appears to be that Plaintiff has provided additional factual details related to his underlying claims. Compare Lonon v. Philbin, CV 120-138, doc. no. 1, pp. 5-6 with Lonon v. Vaugh, 3:20-CV-076, doc. no. 1, pp. 2-5. Therefore, it appears Plaintiff may have intended to comply with the Court's October 15th Order and simply file an amended complaint in CV 120-138. Accordingly, the Court **DIRECTS** the **CLERK** to **CLOSE** the duplicate case, CV 320-076. Plaintiff shall not be responsible for a

second filing fee. Nor shall the second case be counted against Plaintiff as a strike under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

However, Plaintiff did not submit his amended complaint on the standard complaint form used by incarcerated litigants in the Southern District of Georgia, which means he still has not provided information the Court requires. Therefore, Plaintiff shall have through and including December 4, 2020, to (1) return the Prisoner Trust Fund Account Statement and Consent to Collection of Fees from Trust Account; and (2) refile his amended complaint on the standard complaint form used by incarcerated litigants in the Southern District of Georgia, and include all matters he wishes the Court to consider in that one document. The Court **DIRECTS** the **CLERK** to attach the required IFP forms and a standard form complaint used by incarcerated litigants in the Southern District of Georgia, stamped with case number CV 120-138, to Plaintiff's service copy of this Order. Plaintiff's claims shall proceed in the normal course of business, subject to the standard frivolity review under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A, in CV 120-138, subject to his return of the required IFP forms and amended complaint.

SO ORDERED this 13th day of November, 2020, at Augusta, Georgia.



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BRIAN K. EPPS  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA